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May 21, 2008

Ms. Elaine Zielinski  
Arizona State Director  
Bureau of Land Management  
One North Central Avenue  
Phoenix, AZ 85004

Dear Ms. Zielinski:

Refer to: Ex. 6

I wish to bring to your attention a matter concerning my constituent, Ex. 6 who has encountered a problem with a shooting range. Please investigate my constituent's claim, within the existing rules, regulations and ethical guidelines, and provide me with a copy of the final decision. MARK ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:

Attn: Carlos Sierra  
Office of Senator John McCain  
5353 N. 16th Street  
Suite 105  
Phoenix, Arizona 85016

The response you provide will be most appreciated and will be forwarded to my constituent. If you should have any questions in the meantime, you can reach my office at (602) 952-2410. I look forward to your reply at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,



John McCain  
United States Senator

JM/xcs

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**APRIL 7, 2008**

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BLM DIRECTOR JIM CASWELL  
1849 C STREET NW  
WASHINGTON, DC 20240**

**BLM DIRECTOR JIM CASWELL:**

**THIS IS A FOLLOW UP REQUEST I HAD PREVIOUSLY WRITTEN ASKING YOU TO PLEASE CONSIDER THE TERMINATION OF THE 106 PROCESS TO ALLOW US TO PROCEED CONSTRUCTION OF OUR SHOOTING RANGE. WE HAVE BEEN VERY PATIENT SINCE AUGUST OF 1999 WHEN OUR RANGE WAS SHUT DOWN WHEN OUR LEASE HAD BEEN CANCELLED. WE HAVE CAREFULLY FOLLOWED EVERY STEP REQUIRED TO ACQUIRE THE BOUNDARY CONE RD PROPERTY OFFERED BY THE BLM BUT THE FT MOJAVE INDIAN TRIBE HAS NOT OFFERED ANY COMPROMISES, BUT INSTEAD HAS PUT UP ROADBLOCKS BY NOT RESPONDING TO ANY OF OUR REQUESTS. IT HAS BEEN A YEAR SINCE THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MET WITH THE TRIBES IN ARIZONA. THIS WAS TO BE THE FINAL STEP IN THE PROCESS?????? WE HAVE HEARD NOTHING!! PLEASE END THIS 106 PROCESS SO WE CAN CONTINUE MOVING FORWARD.**

**YOURS TRULY,**

Ex. 6

**PRESIDENT, BULLHEAD CITY GUN CLUB  
VICE PRES. TRI-STATE RECREATION CLUB**

Ex. 6

Ex. 6

**CC: SENATOR JOHN MCCAIN, SENATOR JON KYLE AND  
REPRESENTATIVE TRENT FRANKS**

*See attached*  
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June 11, 2008

In Reply Refer To:  
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8100 (AZ-931)

The Honorable John McCain  
United States Senator  
Attention: Carlos Sierra  
5353 North 16<sup>th</sup> Street  
Suite 105  
Phoenix, Arizona 85016

Dear Senator McCain:

Thank you for your letter dated May 21, 2008, concerning your constituent, Ex. 6,  
President of the Bullhead City Gun Club and Vice-President of the Tri-State Recreation Club,  
regarding the proposed shooting range on public lands in Mohave County, Arizona.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has been diligently working toward a resolution of issues that include proximity to private and State lands, legal access, endangered species, sound and visual impacts, and the potential impacts of the project on a National Register of Historic Places and Traditional Cultural Property known as Boundary Cone Butte. Boundary Cone Butte is considered an important sacred property to the Fort Mojave Tribe and to the Hualapai Tribe.

The laws that have been passed by the United States Congress require agencies to take extra steps to ensure that Federal actions do not negatively impact native people's ability to conduct and continue their traditional religious practices. To this end, the BLM has taken extra measures to obtain information from the Tribes relating to the impacts the proposed range might have on Boundary Cone Butte and other associated sacred areas. We are nearing the end of these consultations and are moving forward to finalize the decision on the proposed range.

The National Historic Preservation Act allows for the termination of Section 106 consultations under the Act if one or all parties determine that further consultation would not be productive. The BLM is working with the Fort Mojave Tribe to make a determination on the value of further consultation. Pending final comments from the Tribe, the BLM may proceed with formal termination of the Section 106 process. A letter to the Tribal Chairman seeking his final views on the matter will be sent in the near future. Additionally, the Advisory Council on

Historic Preservation and the State Historic Preservation Office have advised the BLM that they will not be party to a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for this proposed project. An MOA would be required to avoid formal termination.

We appreciate your constituent's continued patience as we work through this complicated decision-making process. If you have any questions regarding the proposed shooting range project, please contact Ms. Becky Heick, Colorado River District Manager, at (928) 505-1301.

Sincerely,

/s/ Elaine Y. Zielinski

Elaine Y. Zielinski  
State Director

cc: The Honorable John McCain  
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